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Congress looks to restore Byrne/JAG funding for FFY07

In February, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released the administration's proposed budget for FFY 07. The news for the criminal justice community was dismal. Several Justice Department programs were targeted for elimination: the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program; Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT); State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP); and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. Also, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Training Program is eliminated from the OMB's Homeland Security budget.

However, Congress is working to restore the budget for JAG. Both the House and the Senate have passed budget resolutions to fund JAG at \$900 million. The process is far from over, and anything can happen. The full budget will be passed in the fall.

See full story

News: Criminal justice systems improvement

ACJC's Criminal Justice Systems Improvement staff has developed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the priorities for the Arizona Integrated Criminal Justice Plan. The presentation was unveiled at the March Commission meeting.

Also, the Systems Improvement program manager has developed grant funded records integration project requirements to assist agencies target project investment justification analysis with development of project plans, identification of milestones and coordination agreements (MOUs) for integration projects.

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is an event that has been supported by Arizona law enforcement agencies since 1975. ACJC staff will again lend their support by purchasing Torch Run t-shirts, providing monetary donations and engaging in other fundraising efforts. This year's Summer Games and Opening Ceremonies will be held on May 5 at Sun Angel Stadium at Arizona State University in Tempe. For more information, visit the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Making a Difference in Arizona: RSAT & JAG

As noted above, several federally funded criminal justice programs are in jeopardy of being eliminated. In an effort to demonstrate the effectiveness of the programs, ACJC is working to publicize the success stories that have resulted from these programs. We have compiled success stories for the Byrne/JAG program and for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program. We share these stories with members of Arizona's congressional delegation and the public. If you have a success story to share, please e-mail it to kkaram@azcjc.gov.

Coming up

Please visit www.azcjc.gov for a Calendar of Events for Arizona's criminal justice community.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 23-29, 2006.

Governor's Service, April 24. Victims Services Charity Golf Tournament, April 22.

Arizona Peace Officers Memorial Service, May 1.

Arizona Peace Officers Memorial Golf Tournament, April 29.

DUI Council to open new round of grants

The Oversight Council on DUI Abatement will meet on April 27, 2006 to discuss the next round of grants. The Council expects to open the grants process for Innovative and Enforcement Projects on May 1, 2006. Watch for the grants announcement on www.azcjc.gov.